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Assistant Director for Collection
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Chief of Logistics

Supplies for Emergency Use

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum to Deputy Director (Administration),
dated 19 October 1954, Same Subject

1. We appreciate your bringing to our attention the failure of certain items of battery powered lights furnished to you on an emergency basis on the afternoon of 15 October 1954, as set forth in the above referenced memorandum. Through this information, it is believed that Supply support can better be established to meet unusual situations.

2. The Supply Division, Logistics Office, does not maintain a quantity of battery powered lighting equipment in stock other than hand flashlights. When this office was apprised of your emergency needs on the afternoon of the hurricane, the hand flashlights were issued from stock and tested prior to their use and proved to be satisfactory. However, the fluorescent lamp lights which proved to be inoperable were furnished from GSA stock in [REDACTED] and were not tested prior to issue, principally because of the emergency nature surrounding the requirement and because the GSA had given assurance that these lamps were operable even though the batteries were out of date. The eight Delta Reddylites which were furnished without batteries were in error.

3. Immediate steps have been taken to assure that no further issue of this type of equipment will be made from the warehouse without adequate pre-testing.

4. We regret this occurrence and believe that with additional planning on our part and with knowledge of departmental needs throughout the Agency, improved support for emergency needs will result. It is understood that the Security Office is presently working on emergency lighting requirements for personnel and security purposes. If additional lighting is felt essential for office use to meet emergency conditions in the event of power disruptions, this requirement should be made known to this office and to the Security Office.

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